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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3472

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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, RP
SUBJECT: GRENADE EXPLODES AND EXPLOSIVES FOUND AT PRESIDENTIAL
MANSION IN BAGUIO

1. MANILA MEDIA AND WIRE SERVICES REPORTED MARCH 27
THAT A GRENADE WAS THROWN AT THE PRESIDENTIAL "MANSION
HOUSE" IN BAGUIO AT 3:00 A.M., MARCH 26 (EASTER SUNDAY).
MRS. MARCOS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO USE MANSION HOUSE THAT
NIGHT BUT HAD CANCELLED PLANS. THE GRENADE WAS AIMED AT
FRONT DOOR BUT HIT FLAGPOLE AND EXPLODED HARMLESSLY.
SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REPORTEDLY TURNED UP "HEAVY EXPLOSIVES"
PLANTED IN A BATHROOM DIRECTLY BENEATH PRESIDENTIAL BEDROOM
AND IN AN AIDE'S OFFICE. NO SUSPECTS HAVE YET BEEN ARRESTED.

2. DURING A FAREWELL CALL MARCH 27, AMBASSADOR NEWSOM
ASKED GENERAL ESPINO (WHO WAS TO SEE MARCOS SHORTLY) TO
CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT THE AMBASSADOR'S RELIEF THAT THERE
HAD BEEN NO TRAGIC ACCIDENTS IN BAGUIO.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL BE SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ABOUT THE INCIDENT AS AVAILABLE. AT THIS POINT WE DO NOT
KNOW WHETHER IT REPRESENTED A LEGITIMATE THREAT
AGAINST THE MARCOS. THERE IS SOME INEVITABLE
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SPECULATION AROUND TOWN THAT THE INCIDENT WAS WHOLLY
OR PARTLY CONTRIVED BY THE GOP.
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